

# WHAT IS THE FOOD SITUATION FOR 1950 ?

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## GENERAL OUTLOOK

1. The consumer demand for food in the United States is expected to continue relatively high but may ease somewhat from 1949.
2. The maintenance of fairly high economic activity is expected.
3. Foreign demand for food in 1950 may show some decline from the previous year's level.
4. The domestic demand and supply situation for individual foods commodities will vary considerably.

## BREAD AND CEREAL PRODUCTS

Very large crops of grain will provide plentiful supplies of cereal products for food. The outlook is quite similar to the situation of 1948-49.

## POULTRY AND EGGS

1. Fewer chickens and turkeys than in 1949, but egg production will continue high.

2. The prices probably will average less than in 1949.

## MEAT

1. There will a further increase in pork production in 1950 (8 % over 1949). Prices will average moderately lower than this year.
2. Beef supplies are expected to be about the same with a very small drop in price.

## MILK AND DAIRY PRODUCTS

1. Production of milk next year is likely to be at least as great as in 1949, and slightly greater.
2. Prices for dairy products in 1950 will be somewhat below the levels of 1949.

## OTHER FOODS

1. Good demand is expected for fresh fruits.
2. Slightly lower prices for vegetables are likely in 1950.

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